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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1: (currently amended) An electrical connector structure comprising:

a housing formed of a material and having with an outer surface and at least one end adapted to hold an electrical connector plug, wherein the housing has a raised portion, formed of said material along with the housing, that is above the outer surface of the housing,

a covering formed over the outer surface of the housing, wherein the covering is further formed around the raised portion so that an exposed part of the raised portion is not covered by the covering, wherein the exposed part of the raised portion further comprises a background surface and a design surface also formed of said material along with the raised portion and the housing, and

wherein the design surface is formed as part of the background surface and is not level with the background surface.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3: (currently amended) The electrical connector structure of claim 1 wherein the design surface formed in the background surface of the exposed part of the raised portion is a sub-surface design below the background surface formed along with the housing and raised portion of said material.

Claim 4: (previously presented) The electrical connector structure of claim 3 wherein the sub-surface design is formed in the background surface of the raised portion of the housing during molding of the housing.

Claim 5: (previously presented) The electrical connector structure of claim 3 wherein the sub-surface design is formed in the background surface of the raised portion of the housing by machining.

Claim 6: (previously presented) The electrical connector structure of claim 3 wherein the sub-surface design is formed in the background surface of the raised portion of the housing by stamping.

Claim 7: (currently amended) The electrical connector structure of claim 1 wherein the design surface formed in the background surface of the exposed part of the raised portion is an above-surface design above the background surface formed along with the housing and raised portion of said material.

Claim 8: (previously presented) The electrical connector structure of claim 7 wherein the above-surface design is formed in the background surface of the raised portion of the housing during molding of the housing.

Claim 9: (previously presented) The electrical connector structure of claim 7 wherein the above-surface design is formed in the background surface of the raised portion of the housing by machining.

Claim 10: (previously presented) The electrical connector structure of claim 7 wherein the above-surface design is formed in the background surface of the raised portion of the housing by stamping.

Claim 11: (currently amended) The electrical connector structure of claim 1 wherein the design surface formed in the background surface of the exposed part of the raised portion is a gripping surface design formed along with the housing and raised portion of said material, wherein the gripping surface design comprises ridges.

Claim 12: (currently amended) An electrical adapter structure comprising:

a housing formed of a material and having with an outer surface and at least one end adapted to hold an electrical connector plug, wherein the housing has a raised portion, formed of said material along with the housing, that is above the outer surface of the housing,

a covering formed over the outer surface of the housing, wherein the covering is further formed around the raised portion so that an exposed part of the raised portion is not covered by the covering, wherein the exposed part of the raised portion further comprises a background surface and

a design surface also formed of said material
along with the raised portion and the housing, and

wherein the design surface is formed as part of
the background surface and is not level with the
background surface.

Claim 13: (canceled)

Claim 14: (currently amended) The electrical adapter
structure of claim 12 wherein the design surface
formed in the background surface of the exposed
part of the raised portion is a sub-surface design
below the background surface formed along with the
housing and raised portion of said material.

Claim 15: (currently amended) The electrical adapter
structure of claim 12 wherein the design surface
formed in the background surface of the exposed
part of the raised portion is an above surface
design above the surface of the background surface
formed along with the housing and raised portion
of said material.

Claim 16: (currently amended) The electrical adapter structure of claim 12 wherein the design formed in the background surface of the exposed part of the raised portion is a gripping surface design formed along with the housing and raised portion of said material, wherein the gripping surface design comprises ridges.

Claim 17: (new) A method of manufacturing an electrical connector structure comprising the steps of:

in a first manufacturing step, forming a housing of a material, wherein the housing comprises an outer surface and at least one end adapted to hold an electrical connector plug, wherein the outer surface further comprises at least one face, and wherein a raised portion is formed of said material along with the housing, wherein the raised portion is raised above the face of the outer surface of the housing, and wherein the raised portion further comprises side walls extending up from the face and a background surface substantially parallel to the face and a design surface formed in the background surface,

wherein the design surface is formed of said material along with the raised portion and the housing, and wherein the design surface is formed as part of the background surface and is not level with the background surface, and

in a second manufacturing step, forming a cover of a second material over the outer surface of the housing, wherein the cover is formed around the side walls of the raised portion.